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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Application filed on 03 July 2001.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 18 September 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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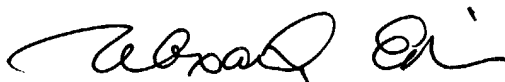
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 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 03/07/2001
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.



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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-6 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: none of the references, either singularly or in combination, teach or fairly suggest modification or combination with the cited below prior art, which is considered to be pertinent to the invention, so as to satisfy the combination of all the limitations of independent claim 1; none of the references have been found by the examiner that teach or suggest a video converter board for converting stroke/raster video formatted data Red, Green, Blue (RGB) video having a sync-on-green (SOG) control signal formatted for a serial interface conforming to Electronic Industries Association (EIA) standards, the stroke/raster video data comprising X deflection signals, Y deflection signals and video-in signals, wherein the RGB video data is being synchronized by the sync-on-green (SOG) signal, the video converter board comprising an analog to digital front-end circuitry sampling at predetermined rate said X deflection, Y deflection and video-in signals and converting each sampled signal into a corresponding digital quantity; a video memory comprised of a plurality banks for storing each digital quantity; a memory control circuitry for sequentially selecting each of the plurality of the memory banks; a synchronization control circuitry for generating timing signals for the sync-on-green (SOG) signal and the memory addresses for reading and blanking; and a digital/analog converter output circuitry receiving in response to the synchronization control circuitry formatted RGB video data as well as the timing signals for the SOG signal and outputting the SOG signal along with the RGB video data in a manner conforming to the interface.

Sharp et al., US 5,557,297, discloses a system for converting XY stroke signals (X and Y deflection signals) into RGB signals for driving a raster type display having analog-to- digital front-end circuitry sampling at predetermined rate the X deflection, Y deflection and video-in signals, and converting each sampled signal into a corresponding digital quantity; a video memory comprised of a plurality memory banks for storing each digital quantity; a memory control circuitry for sequentially selecting each of the plurality of the memory banks, and synchronization control circuitry. Sharp et al. does not disclose a control circuitry for generating timing signals for the sync-on-green (SOG) signal, and a digital-to-analog converter output circuitry receiving in response to the synchronization control circuitry formatted RGB video data as well as the timing signals for the SOG signal and outputting the SOG signal along with the RGB video data.

Tanner et al., US 6,496,160 B1, discloses a stroke to raster converter system including some component and function as those of the invention, but fails to provide for converting stroke signals into RGB plus SOG signals for driving a raster display.

Lee, US 6,064,443, discloses a method of driving raster type display utilizing SOG signal.

None of the above teach or suggest the combination of limitations as claimed by the invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alexander Eisen whose telephone number is (703) 306-2988. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30-4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bipin Shalwala can be reached on (703) 305-4938. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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